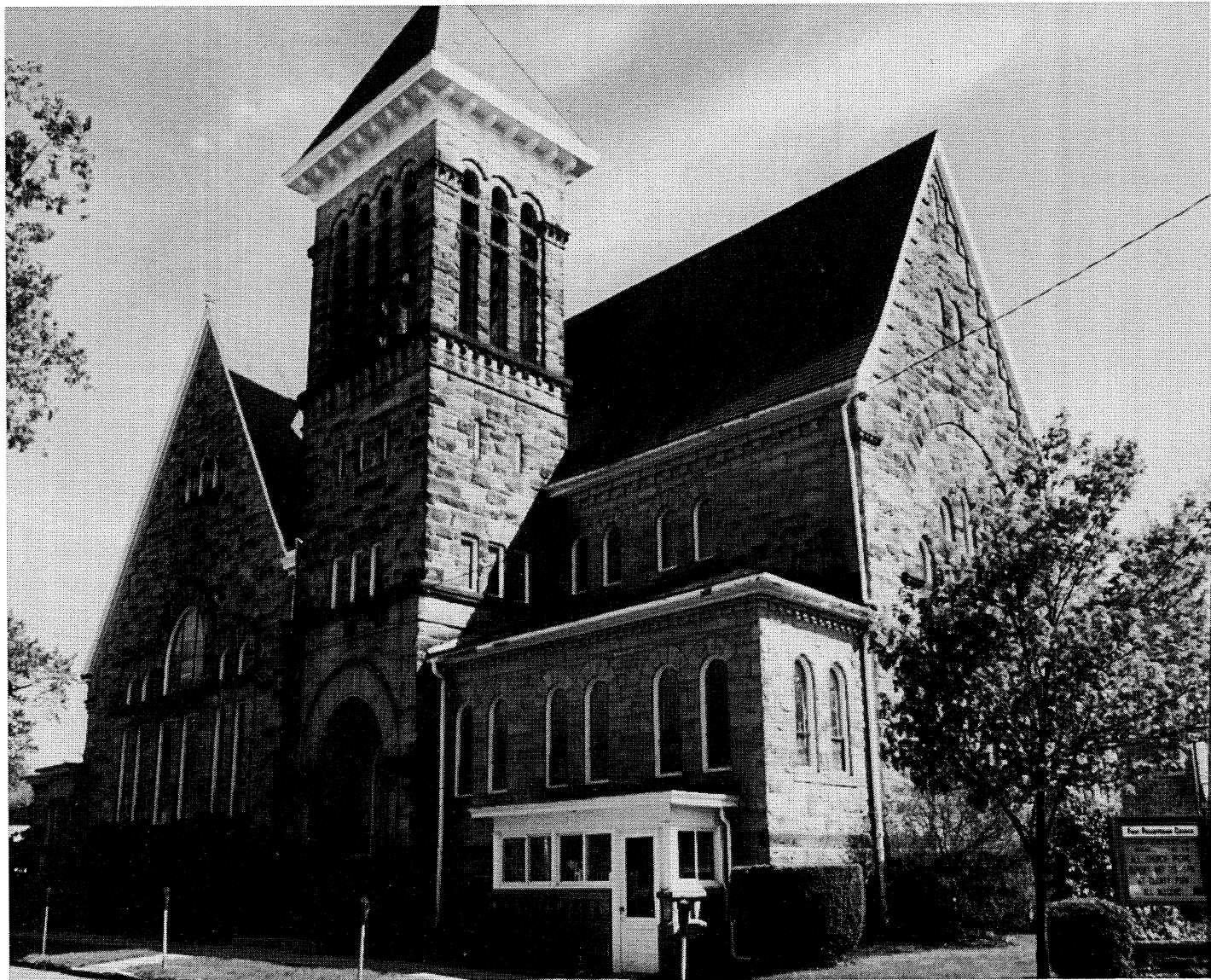


First Presbyterian Church



*15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6th, 2026*



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Marianne Reynolds

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Prelude

Blessed Assurance / Jesus Loves Even Me
Phyllis Howard on Harp

Heather Searle,
Phillip Paul Bliss

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

A new song awaits us;

God's Spirit is coming.

We can hear the music; we're ready to move!

God's praise will be on our lips!

Neighbors from far and wide will pour out from their doorways.

God's joy will be alive in the streets;

friends and strangers will gather.

All will rejoice;

together, we will breathe a deep sigh of peace

as we turn our hearts toward the justice of the Lord.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

✦ Hymn No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives. Forgive us Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

✦ Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

Time with the Children

Marianne Reynolds

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture

Exodus 12: 1-14

(p. 58)

Second Scripture

Matthew 18: 15-20

(p. 20)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“You Are Worth It”

Rev. Rebecca Mihm

Organ Interlude

✦ **Hymn No. 310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

We Give Thanks To God

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Love Lifted Me

Howard E. Smith, James Rowe

Phyllis Howard on Harp

✦ **Doxology**

✦ **Prayer of Dedication**

New Members by Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Transfer

Steve Rivera, Christopher Gemmell, Deb and Tom Myers

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve

✦ **Hymn No. 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Robert Hebble

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

POSTLUDE

Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time, then archived to our website and YouTube channel.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at sermon.net (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Ann Brooks
Secretary: Cindy Kapp
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Norma Kooman	Bill Champion	John Joy
Dave Larimer	Matt Kurtas	Marianne Reynolds
Cindy Stants	Kathy Larimer	Tammy Slike

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2026:</u>	<u>Class of 2027:</u>	<u>Class of 2028:</u>
Robin Cable	Barb Beggs	Carolyn McFarland
Mary Swanger	Stacy Hoffman	Glenn Beichner
Joey Kunselman	Bert Louder	Joyce Alberta

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Marianne Reynolds
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes: Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman, Audrina Champion, Logan Myers

Ushers in Charge: Joyce Alberta, Joey Kunselman, Aubrey Scoval

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

8/30/26

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,565.00
Misc. Cash Contributions	\$49.00
	\$1,614.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$35.00
Parking Pass	\$100.00
Caring Callers	\$25.00
Men's Fellowship	\$20.00
Memorials	\$200.00
Property/Bat Control	\$2,000.00
	\$2,380.00
Total	\$3,994.00

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 10

5:00 p.m. Echoes of Joy Handbell Practice

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Chapel

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Salad Luncheon—Social Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—**Please join us** for a Fall Salad Luncheon after church on September 13 to gather & kick off the fall season. We'll have salads, sloppy joes, and desserts. If you would like to add your favorite salad or dessert to the table, there is a sign up sheet in the ramp room. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

—CALLING ALL SINGERS:

Choir rehearsal will begin next Sunday morning, Sept. 13 at 8:45am. There will be coffee, juice and muffins and then we will begin rehearsal at 9:00. We will be participating in worship that day, so rehearsal is very important. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you!!

—**ECHOES OF JOY** will have their first rehearsal on Thurs. Sept 10 at 5:00pm. Can't wait to create music with you.

—**If anyone would like** to donate to the bat abatement of the manse, please mark your envelope "*Bats*".
Thank you....Property Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

—**Men's Breakfast** will have their first get-together on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8:00am in the Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be Cam Kirkland. He will be sharing about his trip to the Philippines. Come and share in a good breakfast and fellowship.

—**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, 9/7 due to the holiday.**

—**Just a reminder** that Sunday School will resume in September as follows:

...Adult Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m., September 13 in the Chapel, led by Barb Beggs.

...Youth Sunday School will begin on September 20 at 11:00 a.m. following the worship service in the CE Building.

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PRAYER LIST

Pauline Henry
Jeff Deitz
Mary Ann Lees
Dave Steward
Charlie Kurtas
Tom Goble
Ron Montgomery
Jim McConnell
Jean Mitrosky
Molly Giering and family
Pam Reid
All our homebound members

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Ben McKinley
Anthony Louder
Pat Hargest
Alexandra Sharrar
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Rob Summerville
Cori
Chuck Reninger
Kay Caller
Amy Benhoff
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Don Neiderriter
Shawn Martin
John McConnell
Nina Faust Joslin
Alec Booth
Terry
Darlene Hargenrader
Bernice Yockey
Nancy Mills
Dudley Fye
Emily Champion
Mark Willy
Syncere Caesar(7 yr. old with leukemia)
Lynn Hefner
Archer Kunselman

PRAYER LIST (CONTINUED)

Doug Arth
A family struggling with a difficult situation
Larry Jamison
Scott Apel
Gigi
Mike Grosch (Carolyn McFarland's son)
Jen Kaufman
Alden Hartman
Cynthia Copenhaver
Dottie Lockwood

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US Military
Gitwe Congregation in Rwanda, our faith partners

Bereaved: Please remember the friends and family of:

Randy Cable
Dan Carey

Homebound Member of the Week

Ellen Fulton
Clarion Health Care & Rehab
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